



Iowa Range

statewide

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straw-colored nutsedge

Cyperus strigosus

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants

Features

Straw-colored nutsedge is a perennial herb. Its unbranched, triangular stems may grow to four feet tall. The long, flat, narrow leaves are up to one-half inch wide. The flowers are arranged in flattened, pointed spikelets that may be up to 1 1/2 inches long. The reddish fruits are single and about one-tenth inch long.

Natural History

Straw-colored sedge grows in wet ground, especially in marshes and ditches. It flowers June through September. The fruits are important waterfowl food.

Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; natural lakes and prairie marshes; interior rivers and streams; constructed lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; wet prairies and fens

Iowa Status

common, native